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In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicants : Espen HAUGE et al.

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For : A DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR
REMOVING SOLIDS

Atty. Dkt. : 43315-201295

**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

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MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the Application to place Application in harmony with U.S. practice and to eliminate multiple claim dependency as follows.

No fee is believed due. Please charge any fee deemed due to Deposit Account No. 22-0261 and advise us accordingly. Please amend the Application as follows.